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unreasonable. Your private vehicle is not open to the public. It is not a vehicle or conveyance which you use in exchange for cash. And if somebody is harmed when they pay you, then you can be liable for any harm that befalls them. But we don't have to reach way out to the outer limits to deal with this bill. We all know the nature of a restaurant and the environment that ought to exist there, and smoke is one of those invitees which ought to be ejected. And Senator Thompson has a very good bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Suttle, on LB 750.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to yield my time to Senator Thompson, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you have five minutes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you very much. Thank you, Senator Suttle. Just want to, for the record, state some of the organizations that are in support of this bill: the Nebraska Medical Association, the Nebraska Dental Association, the Nebraska Public Health Association, the Nebraska Heart Institute, the Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and there are many others in your folder. And so what this comes down to is our medical community and our public health community telling us it's important that we as policymakers take a stand on an issue that is causing harm to the people that they serve and to our constituents. We're hearing a lot about what should we regulate, what should we not regulate? We...we currently don't allow people to drive at any speed. We don't allow them to dump hazardous waste into our water streams. Why should air be any different? We need to protect people, and it is not without our...outside our purview to do that. Under the argument we've been hearing, if I went to a restaurant that was unregulated and said, you know I got food poisoning here last week, and I would really, really appreciate it if you guys would not...would take a little bit better care of your food and then maybe I'll come back, we're not going to, as a Legislature, leave that up to the restaurants. Plus, there are things, there are basic standards that we need to hold a lot of businesses in the state to for the protection of the people. And from the restaurants that I heard from, and I haven't heard